

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A manual toothbrush, comprising:

~~(1) with a handle;~~

~~(2) and a toothbrush head (3) that is mounted on the front end (5) of the handle; (2);~~

~~wherein~~

bristle clusters (8) ~~respectively~~ extending along from the lateral edge regions of ~~the a~~ surface (6) ~~on the a~~ brushing side of the toothbrush head, ~~wherein the free ends of said bristle clusters only converge to such a degree that they forming a receptacle space (19) for the teeth and such that~~ at least two sides of ~~one or more tooth/teeth~~ a tooth can be simultaneously cleaned during the brushing process, ~~and wherein;~~

a pivot bearing arranged between the toothbrush head and the handle (22) for pivoting the toothbrush head (3) relative to the handle (2) during the brushing process; ~~is arranged between the toothbrush head (3) and the handle (2), characterized in that the bearing (22) is also provided with and~~

a spring element (26) ~~that is~~ arranged between the toothbrush head (3) and the handle (2) such that the spring element (26) is elastically prestressed when the toothbrush head (3) is pivoted during the brushing process, ~~namely in such a way that~~ the toothbrush head (3) can be moved back into its ~~home~~ unpivoted position after the brushing process.

2. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to of~~ Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that the a~~ pivoting axis (6) of the bearing (22) extends transverse ~~or angled~~ to the longitudinal axis (9) of the handle. ~~(2).~~

3. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to~~ of Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that the~~ a pivoting range of the toothbrush head (3) relative to the longitudinal axis of the handle (9) is smaller ~~less~~ than 30° ~~-, preferably 20°~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to~~ of Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that the toothbrush head (3) features~~ bristle clusters (8) that are arranged such that the inside and the outside surfaces of the teeth/tooth can be simultaneously brushed.

5. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to~~ of Claim 1, further comprising ~~characterized in that~~ a bristle section (14) also protrudes ~~protruding from the a~~ bottom of the receptacle space (19) on the surface (6) on the brushing side of the toothbrush head (3).

6. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to~~ of Claim 5, further comprising ~~characterized in that~~ a bristle cluster section (20) protrudes ~~centrally referred~~ centered relative to the receptacle space (19) and protruding from the a free a front end of the toothbrush head (3), wherein said bristle cluster section protrudes and over the bristle section (14) situated on protruding from the bottom of the receptacle space (19).

7. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to~~ of Claim 6, wherein ~~characterized in that the surface (6) on the brushing side of the toothbrush head~~ essentially has a ~~is substantially concave shape, in that the surface (6) on the brushing side extends, if viewed in the form for a top view, extending transverse to the a longitudinal direction axis of the handle (9), and in that the including a front bristle cluster section (14) is arranged on an extension (17) that centrally aligned with and adjoins~~ adjoining the front end of the toothbrush head (3).

8. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to~~ of Claim 1, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the receptacle space (19) is open toward the end of the handle (2) ~~that lies farther from opposite~~ the toothbrush head.

9. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to~~ of Claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the bearing is ~~formed by~~ comprises a pin (23) ~~the engages into a receptacle opening (30) configured to be disposed in an opening defined by~~ arranged on the handle, (2) or on the rear side (21) of the toothbrush head (3), in that one end of the spring element (26) is being fixed on to the toothbrush head (3) or on the handle (2), and in that the other an opposite end of the spring element (26) is being respectively supported on the handle (2) or on the toothbrush head (3) by a stopping element. ~~elements (28, 29) arranged to both sides of the spring element (26).~~

10. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to~~ of Claim 9, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the pin (23) ~~penetrates is disposed within the bore opening (30) in the handle (2), and in that the a free end of the pin (23) is stationarily held on~~ plastically deformed to secure the pin to the handle, (2) due to a plastic deformation in order to rotatably mount the toothbrush head (3) on the handle (2).

11. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to~~ of Claim [[9]]1, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the spring element (26) ~~consists of~~ comprises one or more members selected from the group consisting of a leaf spring or and a rod spring.

12. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to~~ of Claim 9, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the spring element (26) ~~is comprises realized in a U-shaped fashion and formed by member comprising~~ a crosspiece (37) ~~that connects connecting~~ two limbs (32, 33) to one another, ~~in that a guide arbor (25) engages between the limbs (32, 33) on the crosspiece (37), in that being disposed about a guide arbor disposed between the limbs,~~ the pin (23) ~~penetrates disposed between~~ the limbs (32, 33) at a spaced apart distance from the guide arbor (25), and in

~~that the stopping element engaging elements (28, 29) engage into the free end regions of the limbs (32, 33) on the free end.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to~~ of Claim 12, wherein ~~characterized in that the stopping elements (28, 29) are formed by~~ element comprises a projection.

14. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to~~ of Claim ~~1+1~~, wherein ~~characterized in that the leaf spring element or rod spring (26) essentially extends essentially linearly, and in that one end is~~ of the spring element being fixed in to the handle (2) and the other an opposite end of the spring element being is fixed in to the toothbrush head (3).

15. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to~~ of Claim ~~1+1~~, further comprising ~~characterized in that an intermediate carrier, the toothbrush head adapted to be fixed on the intermediate carrier, the spring element extending the leaf spring or rod spring (26) essentially extends essentially linearly, in that one end is~~ braced in of the spring element being secured to the handle and the other an opposite end is braced in of the spring element being secured to an the intermediate carrier (50), and in that the intermediate carrier (50) serves as a carrier for the toothbrush head (3) that can be fixed thereon (50).

16. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to~~ of Claim ~~[[9]]~~1, wherein ~~characterized in that the spring element (26) consists of~~ comprises a coil spring.

17. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to~~ of Claim ~~[[9]]~~1, wherein ~~characterized in that the spring element (26) consists of~~ comprises one or more ~~elastomers (55, 56 or 61, 62, 63, 64 or 70) made of plastic~~ elastomeric projections.

18. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to of~~ Claim ~~[[17]]~~9, further comprising characterized in that a recess defined by the handle, the pin (23) as well as and the stopping element disposed within the recess (27) engage into a recess (57) arranged on the handle (2), and wherein in that one respective spring element (55, 56) one or more elastomeric projections in the recess are is fixed in the recess (57) on the handle (2) to both opposing sides of the stopping element, (27).

19. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to of~~ Claim ~~[[17]]~~9, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising a recess defined by the handle, the pin (23) and the stopping element disposed in the recess, (27) engage into a recess (65) arranged on the handle (2), in that the stopping element (27) extends extending radially outward from both sides either side of the pin (23), and in that a plurality of projections within the recess (66, 67) extend extending radially inward substantially perpendicular to the stopping element (27) on both sides from the recess (65) to the vicinity of toward the pin (23), wherein a total of and four spring elements (61, 62, 63, 64) are arranged between said the projections and the stopping element, (27).

20. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to of~~ Claim 1, wherein characterized in that the spring element (26) consists of comprises an elastomer elastomeric member that connects- connecting the toothbrush head (3) to the handle, (2).

21. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to of~~ Claim 20, wherein characterized in that the spring element (26) is realized in a sleeve shaped fashion, in that the spring element is rigidly comprises an injection-moulded molded on the sleeve disposed on a rear side (21) of the toothbrush head (3) as well as and on the a surface (4) of the handle, and in that a journal (68) extends extending from the rear side (21) of the toothbrush head within into the spring element sleeve such that the journal being (26) and is supported on the surface (4) of the handle.

22. (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush ~~according to of~~ Claim 21, wherein the handle defines ~~characterized in that the journal (21) engages into a blind bore (69) arranged on the handle, (2) the journal being disposed in the blind bore.~~

23. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 1, wherein a pivoting axis of the bearing extends at an angle to the longitudinal axis of the handle.

24. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 1, wherein the bearing comprises a pin configured to be disposed in an opening defined by the handle, one end of the spring element being fixed to the handle and an opposite end of the spring element being supported on the toothbrush head by a stopping element.

25. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 24, wherein the pin is disposed within the opening, and a free end of the pin plastically deformed to secure the pin to the handle.

26. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 24, wherein the spring element comprises a U-shaped member comprising a crosspiece connecting two limbs to one another, the crosspiece being disposed about a guide arbor disposed between the limbs, the pin disposed between the limbs at a spaced apart distance from the guide arbor, and the stopping element engaging free end regions of the limbs.

27. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 26, wherein the stopping element comprises a projection.

28. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 24, further comprising a recess defined by the handle, the pin and the stopping element disposed within the recess and wherein one or more elastomeric projections in the recess are fixed to opposing sides of the stopping element.

29. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 24, further comprising a recess defined by the handle, the pin and the stopping element disposed in the recess, the stopping element extending radially outward from either side of the pin and a plurality of projections within the recess extending radially inward substantially perpendicular to the stopping element on both sides from the recess toward the pin and four spring elements arranged between the projections and the stopping element.

30. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 1, wherein the bearing comprises a pin configured to be disposed in an opening defined by the toothbrush head, one end of the spring element being fixed to the toothbrush head and an opposite end of the spring element being supported on the handle by a stopping element.

31. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 30, wherein the pin is disposed within the opening, and a free end of the pin plastically deformed to secure the pin to the handle.

32. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 30, wherein the spring element comprises a U-shaped member comprising a crosspiece connecting two limbs to one another, the crosspiece being disposed about a guide arbor disposed between the limbs, the pin disposed between the limbs at a spaced apart distance from the guide arbor, and the stopping element engaging free end regions of the limbs.

33. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 32, wherein the stopping element comprises a projection.

34. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 30, further comprising a recess defined by the handle, the pin and the stopping element disposed within the recess and wherein one or more elastomeric projections in the recess are fixed to opposing sides of the stopping element.

35. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 30, further comprising a recess defined by the handle, the pin and the stopping element disposed in the recess, the stopping element extending radially outward from either side of the pin and a plurality of projections within the recess extending radially inward substantially perpendicular to the stopping element on both sides from the recess toward the pin and four spring elements arranged between the projections and the stopping element.

36. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 1, wherein the bearing comprises a pin configured to be disposed in an opening defined by the toothbrush head, one end of the spring element being fixed to the handle and an opposite end of the spring element being supported on the toothbrush head by a stopping element.

37. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 36, wherein the pin is disposed within the opening, and a free end of the pin plastically deformed to secure the pin to the handle.

38. (New) (Currently Amended) The manual toothbrush of Claim 36, wherein the spring element comprises a U-shaped member comprising a crosspiece connecting two limbs to one another, the crosspiece being disposed about a guide arbor disposed between the limbs, the pin disposed between the limbs at a spaced apart distance from the guide arbor, and the stopping element engaging free end regions of the limbs.

39. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 38, wherein the stopping element comprises a projection.

40. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 36, further comprising a recess defined by the handle, the pin and the stopping element disposed within the recess and wherein one or more elastomeric projections in the recess are fixed to opposing sides of the stopping element.



41. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 36, further comprising a recess defined by the handle, the pin and the stopping element disposed in the recess, the stopping element extending radially outward from either side of the pin and a plurality of projections within the recess extending radially inward substantially perpendicular to the stopping element on both sides from the recess toward the pin and four spring elements arranged between the projections and the stopping element.

42. (New) A manual toothbrush, comprising:

a handle;

a toothbrush head pivotably secured to the handle such that the toothbrush head can be pivoted from a first position to a second position when a force is applied to the toothbrush head; and

a pivot resistance member comprising a first region coupled to the handle and a second region coupled to the toothbrush head, the pivot resistance member being configured to urge the toothbrush head back into the first position when the force is removed from the toothbrush head.

43. (New) The manual toothbrush of Claim 42, wherein the pivot resistance member comprises a spring element.